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## T.S.S.A.A. Realigns Football Districts

by Taylor Harris, Staff Writer

Recently, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association decided to change the traditional region and district classifications in several sports. These changes affect M.B.A. only on the football field, however. Football, previously divided into three classes, has been separated into five classes, and the various regions have been totally restructured.

These changes have been criticized by almost everyone. M.B.A.'s head football coach, Tommy Owen said, "The vehicle wasn't broken; it didn't need fixing. We have to live with it for two years." Coach Owen pointed out that the changes were made to accommodate the desires of a few schools, and he also indicated that there was a financial motive for expansion: five classes means five differ-

ent state playoffs, which means more money for the TSSAA. Coach Owen also added, "No one is pleased with it (the change) because the schools had no impact on the decision."

### REGION 8-AAAAA

M.B.A.

Dickson County

Henry County

Hillwood

Whites Creek

Hunters Lane

Clarksville NE

Clarksville NW

The changes in football classification will have several effects on M.B.A. First, the school's football team will

play at the 5A level, despite the fact that M.B.A.'s enrollment is that of a 3A school. It is not hard to see that M.B.A. belongs in the highest level of competition, for the school has been at or near the top of the All-Sports Competition over the past few years; and on a more specific level, the football program has enjoyed great success against much larger schools. Coach Owen and

Athletic Director John Bennett both stated that M.B.A. would always compete in the highest division in any sport, no matter how many divisions the TSSAA creates.

M.B.A. will also be affected because of the location of its opponents. This effect will be minimal, how-

ever. Over the next two years, M.B.A. will take four long road trips, to Henry County and Dickson County in 1993, and to Clarksville Northeast and Clarksville Northwest in 1994. Over the past two years, M.B.A. has taken three long road trips, to Tullahoma in 1992, and Bowling Green

(Warren Central) and Cleveland in 1991. In essence, M.B.A. will play only one additional district game. For this reason, Mr. Bennett described the changes as having "...no severe difference in travel." The new classifica-

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## Totomoi Taps New Members

By Andrew Vahrenkamp, Opinions Editor

picture by John Crosslin



Front (L to R): John Crosslin, Andrew Vahrenkamp, and Baker Eadie; Back: John Arendale, Jerry Keathley, and Mark Fuqua; Not Pictured: Jody Cummings and Bartley McGehee

On Tuesday, November 24, seven seniors were inducted into Totomoi, M.B.A.'s honorary leadership fraternity, composed of students, faculty, and friends of the school. To be considered for Totomoi a particular student must have excelled over his career at the school in three of five categories: Academics; Athletics; Student Government; Organizations, Forensics, and Dramatics; and Publications, Citizenship, and other Extracurriculars. Fur-

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## M.B.A. Drama Teacher Bart Whiteman to be in *The Firm*

by Hayes Fowler, Drama Club President

How many of you young academics are familiar with *The Firm*? No it isn't a bad B movie shown repeatedly on USA Up All Night. It is a fine novel which is being adapted to the silver screen. Another small tid-bit of information is



Whiteman

that a member of our faculty is acting in this \$40 million dollar film.

Yes, Bart Whiteman, the head of our own theater department, is filling his spare time performing for the cameras and shmoozing between

shots with Tom Cruise.

Mr. Bart Whiteman, a member of the Screen Actors Guild for two years, received the role as a result of a videotaped audition he submitted to the director of this film. Sidney Pollack, director of the blockbuster hit *Tootsie*, was apparently impressed with Mr. Whiteman's audition.

Pollack cast him as Dutch, a menacing security guard who must make sure that the young lawyer played by Tom Cruise does not find out more than he should know. The movie is being filmed in Memphis and the Cayman Islands. Mr. Whiteman says that although the process of

shooting scenes can be very tedious, the management at the top goes out of its way to make sure the actors are comfortable while on location.

Mr. Whiteman points out that although film pays much much better than stage acting, "The theater is much more fulfilling for an actor than film."

Chances are that the film will be a big hit, considering the wide popularity of the novel on which it is based. So I urge you to find your way to the Theater sometime in mid-1993 when the movie will probably be released. Reach out, touch the screen, and say, "I know that TOM CRUISE will have a great Christ-

## J.S. Service Project

by Matthew Berry, Staff Writer

The Junior School started collecting food, clothes, and toys last week. They were wrapped at school and were to be given to sixteen needy families. We held a party for them at the Juvenile Detention Center. There were over forty seventh and eighth graders doing various jobs to help. We provided cookies, snacks, and punch while the kids got their picture taken with Santa, and were given their presents. After all of the presents were given out, the seventh graders took the kids to see the play *Cinderella*. While the kids were enjoying the play, the eighth graders were loading all of their parents' cars with the presents. All in all, we made less fortunate kids have a great Christ-

mas and felt good about helping them. A special thanks to Mrs. Thurmond, Mrs. Keane, and Mrs. Garrett for their help in organizing and coordinating this service project.

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*The Bell Ringer would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Montgomery Bell Academy  
Nashville, Tennessee

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## M.B.A. Versus U.S.N. : No Contest

Dear Bell Ringer,

At the risk of becoming embroiled in the ongoing debate surrounding the formidable views of Defender of the Faith, Winston Chapman, I feel that I have a duty to respond to some of Chris Kuhn's statements.

I do not know how much experience Mr. Kuhn has had with the University School of Nashville and Montgomery Bell Academy, but I know the experience which I have had with them. I went to USN for four years, and am in my sixth year at M.B.A. It is simply undeniable, we are better. That they have intelli-

gent students I will not deny, but the quality of our faculty and the organization which M.B.A. has developed is unparalleled in this area.

It is simply ridiculous to have a school where the inmates, er... students look like they should be in a zoo, and where they can act without fear of any form of discipline. Oh, but they are not prejudiced.

Well, Mr. Kuhn, let me assure you that the Political Right does not have the monopoly on that particular disease. Have you ever heard of political correctness? Well, you are about to. Political Correctness (PC for short) is a

form of prejudice wherein a group of noble minded people formulate a set of ideas which they believe to be true and then proceed to use them as a weapon against anyone who disagrees.

If Winston holds that "blacks, homosexuals, and Northerners should be exterminated" (and I in no way insinuate that he does), then his right to those opinions are equally valid to your right to yours. After all, "Are all men and women not created equal?"

Who sets up your "education" against bigotry? There is no idea so hateful that it cannot be looked at objec-

tively, and your desire to "isolate" and "correct" strikes a deeper note of fear in me than a thousand racists, sexists, and homophobes. To be sure, the Left, and its bastion of support in Nashville high schools, is not free from prejudice any more than you are.

Incidentally, the long hair issue is not so much a matter of prejudice as it is a question of the degree of rebellion which should be allowed against the M.B.A. system. The wearing of long hair, whether moral or immoral, is not standard practice among the majority of males in our society, and long hair, if only in a very small way, is a rebel-

lion against the norms and customs of that society.

M.B.A. does not hate the "type of person" who has long hair, it hates the attack on society which is implicit in a rebellious appearance. In conclusion, Mr. Kuhn, your attack is totally off base, and you proceed to deviate from the truth immediately following your first paragraph. In my own opinion, and admittedly, this is an opinion not a fact, you never return to it.

Sincerely,  
Winn Keathley,  
outraged student

## Letter From the Editor



Will  
Berry

Editor-in-  
Chief

picture by John Crosslin

I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the paper during the first semester, especially the other editors and Dr. Griffith. In addition, I encourage anyone who would like to write during the second semester to

see me or any of the other editors.

I also would like to apologize to anyone who was offended by the many errors in the *Pippin* article of the last issue. Happy Holidays,  
Will Berry

Recent Cafeteria Inflation:  
A Very Serious Problem

Dear Bell Ringer,

Don't get me wrong, I'm sure that the kitchen staff works very hard, and I am truly thankful. However, it seems to me that with a new, state-of-the-art cafeteria, they at least ought to be able to produce hot fries. So far this year, I have not had the privilege to taste hot fries, nor warm fries. Perhaps they were a mild luke-warm, but as fries go, they were cold.

The most popular gripe against the lunch room has to be the prices! Sixty-five cents for a candy bar? Please! I can go down to the supermarket and get a candy bar for 45¢ (that's 20¢ less), and the supermarket's sole purpose is marketing food. M.B.A. is an institution built on learning, not selling food. We should be able to give our students reasonably good food at fairly low prices. You don't need to research costs to know

that \$1.50 is too much to pay for a slice of meatloaf. When you add another slice of meatloaf, two vegetables, a drink, and a dessert, you come to nearly six dollars for what should cost much less. We recently have been notified that plates of spaghetti and the like will be weighed upon purchase and charged by the gram. Are we at the point where we will go so far to save a few cents? As of now, the M.B.A. cafeteria is one of the most expensive places for me to eat. Now, I don't have a copy of the budget, but it seems to me that we could lessen the harsh prices on some of the aforementioned items and still come out well ahead.

If you don't like the prices, then say so. If you want chilidogs to reappear on the menu, then say that too. This is, you know, our cafeteria and I am sure that if enough people expressed their comments and suggestions, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,  
David Berry

A Time for Work and  
A Time for Play

Dear Bell Ringer,

As a senior and fellow student, I'd like to voice my opinion on a traditional privilege that has just this year been stifled somewhat. The administration has decided that seniors during their free period must sit down and study with no other alternative. Seeing as this is a free period, this new decision basically negates the freedom idea. I mean sure a change in scenery and a little fresh air is nice, but you still have to do your homework.

In the past, seniors or students on PL have played stickball, kicked the hacky-sack, or thrown the football around with no problem from faculty. Recently though, any such form of extracurricular activity has been reprimanded

and threatened with demerits or loss of privileges. This is a bit ludicrous when you consider that the average student goes to five classes a day and then goes home to study more.

Let's be honest, you need some recreation in there. Image is not everything, M.B.A.! It doesn't hurt to every now and then put down the ol' books and enjoy life a little.

Sincerely,  
Ben Curtis

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## CLUB UPDATE

**(Yo!) Recycle M.B.A.: Two Years and Growing**

by Flag Youngblood, Recycle M.B.A. President

In its second year as an official organization on The Hill, Recycle M.B.A. has undergone some noticeable changes. Aided by many young men who are "new-to-recycling," the program has expanded its outreach in many new, remarkable ways.

The most apparent change occurred one month after classes started. Following several months of proposals and informal conversations, Recycle M.B.A. received a grant from the M.B.A. Father's Club enabling us to purchase permanent bins for all the rooms on campus. After more than five years of informal and individual recycling efforts, permanent recycling bins finally found their place in the M.B.A. community.

Because of these new, highly visible recycling bins, Recycle M.B.A. is now able to accept more than just white paper. Unlike years past, we now accept glass and plas-

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tic bottles, aluminum and steel cans, white and colored paper, cardboard and brown paper, and newspaper. Yet, at this time, we are still unable to recycle hardcover textbooks, candy wrappers, plastic bags, styrofoam materials, paper towels, used Kleenex, or pencil shavings; so we ask that you please keep them out of our bins because they only make the sorting process all the more difficult. For the same reason, we ask that you not crumple-up the paper you recycle either.

Likewise, the actual collections are run a little differently now. Since the new bins have a larger capacity, Recycle M.B.A. is now able to have collections every three weeks, instead of every two. Organizing a successful collection is still a massive undertaking, requiring a minimum of twenty gentlemen per collection to make the whole

process run smoothly. We need as much help as we can get in this regard, so please join us on collection days.

The proceeds from Recycle M.B.A. also are allocated a little differently now. Because we still collect and sort the recyclables and drive the recovered paper, metal, glass, and plastic to the proper reprocessing facilities on our own, we are able to earn a minimal amount of money which we give to the M.B.A. Soup Kitchen.

Another important, but not very apparent, change has occurred as well. Recycle M.B.A. now has an official charter on file with the school. Under the direction of sophomore Zach Skipper, a constitution for Recycle M.B.A. was created. With the intent of avoiding future confusion and lack of involvement, the purpose and specific responsibilities of Recycle M.B.A. have been fully enumerated. Now from year to year, Recycle M.B.A. can carry out the same principles and practices with-

out having to re-define them.

The change in Recycle M.B.A.'s leadership completes the improvements made since last year. In this year of great transition on The Hill, a new, fresh group of involved, concerned sophomores has been brought in. With the hopes of training these new recyclers to run the program smoothly during the next few years, the senior officers have decided to start training them for the job now. Just to insure that everything goes as planned, the senior officers are still actively involved in the program, sharing the duties and answering the questions which naturally arise when someone takes on a new task.

Even though more gentlemen than ever before are now actively involved in the program, Recycle M.B.A. still needs more help. The willingness of the students who

are already a part of the program to work has been commendable; we just need more of them. Recycle M.B.A. is not a place for listless transcript hounds; it embodies a commitment to Montgomery Bell Academy that goes beyond just the bare minimum. Those who are regular contributors to the program should be commended as well, for they have created something great from literally nothing and their tireless efforts all too often go unnoticed.

If you are like one of the many tireless individuals who are committed to serving the school and to making the school a better place, then Recycle M.B.A. is the place for you. If you are interested in actively contributing to Recycle M.B.A., please come to our next collection and help us out. Serving Montgomery Bell Academy with pride is what Recycle M.B.A. is all about.

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**Varsity Debate Team Continues Success**

by Bobby Hartman, Reporter

The 1992-93 Debate Team has continued its tradition of success. Led by Christopher Pomey, Billy Tate, and Dennis DeYoung, the team journeyed to Birmingham, Alabama to compete in the Homewood Invitational Tournament. M.B.A. Novice policy teams dominated their division; T. Eddie Sisk and Chris Allen achieved first place honors while the component of David McDowell and Al Fuller reached the quarterfinal round. Individually, Chris Allen was awarded fifth place speaker, and T. Eddie Sisk captured a respectable first place individual novice speaker award.

In the Lincoln-Douglas division, Stuart Smartt was ranked within the top ten and Jonathan Glickstein reached quarterfinals. In oratory, Tom Springer waltzed into final rounds where he

placed fifth overall. The varsity policy teams also had a fine showing. Bill Wilson and Praveen Kambam reached quarterfinals while Suresh Gunasakeran and Bobby Hartman reached semifinals. Individually, Suresh was awarded first place speaker and Bobby was awarded second place speaker.

Competing at St. James Tournament in Montgomery, Alabama, the Debate team again remained dominant. Praveen Kambam and Eric Himmelfarb captured first in the varsity policy division, and Jim Miller won first place in Lincoln-Douglas. Individually, Praveen won the first place overall speaker and Eric was second. In the novice division, Chris Allen and David McDowell reached quarterfinals. T. Eddie Sisk was recognized as the second place individual speaker.

**M.B.A.'s Five-Pack a Success**

by Ted Callahan and David Hofstetter, Reporters

On December 4, M.B.A. christened its new auditorium with its first solo performance. *Five-pack*, a series of five short one act plays, was not only delightful but also very thought-provoking. With the help of Mr. Bart Whiteman, M.B.A.'s drama instructor these plays were written, directed, and acted by students.

The opening play, *Is* which was written by Bart Whiteman and directed by Will O'Hare, seemed very amusing. The dialogue between actresses Hillary Spruyenberg and Molly Kopansky captivated the audience. The twist in the play was interesting in that it allowed each individual to find his or her own meaning of *Is*.

In *Bikini Girls From Mars*, also written by Whiteman, Yupp and Noap carry on a hysterical conversation about how Martians have begun to invade the planet. Brooke Porter and Paul

Thompson both did an outstanding job in the portrayal of their roles. The conversation between the two was masterfully written.

The third play *Loitering* was written by Emily Compton, directed by Bill Siesser, and acted by Hayes Fowler and Jennifer Grant. Definitely the most dramatic of the five one acts, *Loitering* was about two runaways who were thrown together in jail. Although there was very little action in the play, the setting - a bare mattress, a chair, and an ashtray - created a somber, but highly charged atmosphere. Hayes tries to talk to the girl, but she downplays all of the conversation about herself. In a final act of loneliness and desperation, he asks her to escape with him. Then she wakes up and tells her mom about her nightmare. The play ends with her contemplation of the meaning of her dream. Both Hayes and Jennifer did a tremendous act-

ing job, and the play beckoned the audience to ponder its meaning.

After a brief set change, *Life Stenched of Imitation Crabmeat*, began. Written and directed by Sean Strauss, this one act was a satire of daily life. The character action was good although some of the dialogue was a bit too choppy. Shannon Davis and Molly Kopansky did a good job in the two female roles. From discussing the meaning of life to the girls' avoidance of Sean, the play had a message for all and was a good start for Sean's first play.

With dry ice bubbling up clouds of smoke, *Gods Are People, Too*, written by Greg Giblin and directed by Hayes Fowler, opened with a bang. God, played by Jennifer Richards, is having a bad day and has a terrible headache. She per-

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## OPINIONS

## Gays Should Not Be Allowed in the Ministry



**Winston Chapman**  
"SAVIOR  
of M.B.A."

picture by John Crossin

**Writer's Note:** Mr. Chapman's views are not necessarily those held by M.B.A. or by *The Bell Ringer*. BUT THEY OUGHT TO BE!

Welcome back, fellow analysts, to yet another installment of my guidebook to life at M.B.A. and to the world at large. In case you hadn't guessed, it is I, the self-proclaimed, great and mighty Savior of M.B.A., Winston Chapman.

In this edition I am going to try to get away from the issues of hair and dress codes and of the November election. I sufficiently covered the latter topic in the last issue of *The Bell Ringer*, and have simply grown tired of the former topic. I have more than adequately proved I'm right about the longhairs and almost everyone at this school agrees with me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and praise Brad Maggart for his article in the last issue. It was

a fine and timely piece of journalism for which Brad caught some undeserved heat. Nonetheless, I salute him and his efforts. Way to go! However, I will add one final note: If you think that we are losing this battle, look around and think again. Their numbers are dwindling steadily and we will be ultimately triumphant. Now let's get to it.

My topic this time is of a more serious and sober nature. It concerns the admittance of professed and practicing homosexuals into the United States armed forces. All four branches of the U.S. military have had longstanding policies of no toleration toward homosexuals within their ranks. It would now seem that these policies will soon change if Bill Clinton has his way. On Veterans' Day of this year, Slick Willie announced that he is going to press for the admission of gays and lesbians into the military.

In examining this sensitive question, we have to take an objective approach from a practical and sensible point of view. I will not denounce homosexuals as being

evil and hated in the eyes of God, as a bane to society that must be eradicated, or as a group who cause nothing but trouble. It is not my place to judge and condemn someone on the basis of his sexual orientation, regardless of my own opinion of his lifestyle. However, to permit homosexuals to join the armed forces is a mistake.

Let's be realistic and understand that no matter how sympathetic an organization on the whole is toward any cause, there will still be dissidents and nonconformists within that organization. I can't recall how many times I have read or heard about how resentful or uncomfortable a military officer said he would

feel if the policies regarding homosexuals were changed. We have to face facts and realize how much hazing and harassment an openly gay person will probably have to endure if he wishes to remain in the military. No matter how you feel about this situation, that's the way it is, has been, and most likely will be

for years to come. It is a most difficult thing to remove a prejudice from a human being, no matter what steps and measures you take. Changing military policy now will, I believe, destroy much of the unity and discipline within the organization and produce no real advantages for anyone involved.

Don't misunder-

stand me. I am not at all sympathetic to the cause of the gays and lesbians. I believe that they and their lifestyle are wrong and immoral. Just check the Bible (if our new socialist government under

Slick Willie doesn't declare it unconstitutional in the next four years). I hate to say it, but the American people seem to indicate that there is not much room in a moral and civilized society for unrepentant homosexuals. Alexander Hamilton, one of our Founding Fathers, points it out best in the Federalist Papers, Number Ten: A citizenry without virtue is not a citizenry that can rule itself.

Happy Holidays, God bless, and do your best to endure Christmas break without another installment of my golden words.

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regardless of my  
own opinion of  
his lifestyle*

## The Need for Individuality



**Kavi Paruchuri**  
Copy  
Editor

I disagree with the "love it or leave" attitude that some students have at this school. Sure, this attitude creates unity within the student body; however, the costs

of assuring conformity are too great. Both toleration and individualism are lost. Everyone has his own beliefs; to be unable to express those beliefs whether or not they are with the status quo goes against all of the principles on which this nation was founded. Although a person's opinion may appear to be mindless drivel, as a human being, he has the right to hold them with-

out being isolated, harassed, or reprimanded.

When one loses this right, we all are moving to a state where we must think like the general public to be accepted. If you disagree with someone, that's great, but do not tell him to leave. M.B.A. is just as much his school as anyone else's. He has the right to think as he thinks and be who he is.

## Discrimination Against Gays Should Be Eliminated



**Chris Kuhn**  
Staff  
Writer

Along with the inauguration of President-elect Bill Clinton come his new policies on issues such as AIDS, abortion, and the permitting of homosexuals in the military. Currently, the U.S. government refuses to allow admitted gays to serve in the armed forces. I see no valid reason for this policy. Prohibiting gays from serving in the military is nothing more than discrimination.

Of all the countries represented in NATO, only two, the U.S. and Great Brit-

ain, do not allow admitted homosexuals in their militaries. There are, and have always been, gays in the armed forces, forced to hide their sexuality.

Do these men and women make the military weaker? Is there evidence that they cower at the line of battle? No, they serve their country with the same pride and honor as all soldiers.

Why then, does the U.S. government discriminate against homosexuals? In the past, when homosexuality was illegal, gays in the military

were subject to blackmail. However, if admitted homosexuals are allowed to serve, there is no basis for blackmail.

Permitting gays will not create a huge influx of new soldiers who, before, could not fight due to their sexuality, because the majority of them are already serving. It will give those who came "out of the closet" and were discharged the chance to return to service if they so choose.

But would you want to risk your life again for a country that discriminated against you because you are

gay? Is it really the government's business to know what sex your lover is, whether or not you serve in the military?

President Clinton, along with millions of other Americans, does not believe that homosexuality is immoral. Homosexuality is a lifestyle and no words can change a man's heart. Besides, our country was founded on the separation of church

and state.

Gays exist and are a true minority. If they desire to serve in their country's armed forces, they have every right to. Denying homosexuals this or any other opportunity is pure discrimination. What kind of example does our government set by doing this? It cannot be tolerated any longer; therefore, by allowing homosexuals in the military, Bill Clinton will be doing the right thing.

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*Would you  
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your life...for a  
country that  
discriminated  
against you?*

**Everett Holzapfel**

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## OPINIONS

## On Censorship...



**Andrew Vahrenkamp**  
Opinions  
Editor  
and Staff  
Liberal

A scourge has descended on this society like a pall of deadly napalm. We, the American public, have found ourselves helpless victims to the ax of censorship, the process by which old, antiquated morons can control what we read, see, watch, and think. Whatever freedom of speech the American people may have acquired during the turbulent sixties has been ripped away, leaving merely a rotted shell of democracy.

Take, for example, the Gulf War. All news coverage coming out of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq was carefully monitored by the Army, not for secret of troop movements, as was supposedly the case, but so that the American people would not waver from their support of the war. The military did not want another Vietnam, and any anti-war reaction from the

people could not be tolerated. And so, the media became the pawn of the military, something which after Vietnam was never supposed to happen.

And then there are those pathetic Parental Guidance stickers. The one aspect of the new Democratic administration that I dislike is Tipper Gore, the matron of censorship and "family values." As she apparently cannot comprehend, there is a freedom of speech and thought in this country. Musical artists should be able to attack corrupt social institutions without concerns about censorship of material.

The worst problem of the stickers is their complete uselessness. Their purpose backfires, showing their pitiful nature. Children purchase the products with stickers for no reason except to prove that they can do it. Artists now start making their lyrics more controversial so that they can get the sticker: it sells. All of this hype is utter nonsense; the federal government should in no way limit the rights of Americans to think or speak as they please.



**Andrew Fitzgerald**  
Staff  
Conservative

After reading the last issue of *The Bell Ringer*, I have only now come to realize the absolute stupidity of certain campus liberals. Andrew Vahrenkamp and Bill Siesser show their extreme naiveté by seeming to think that conservative Republicans like myself are the big losers of this election. In fact, liberals like themselves are holding their usual position in the political arena: dead last. The Democratic Party, in effect, abandoned the liberals in order to regain the presidency.

In the primaries, they rejected left-wingers like Jerry Brown and Paul Tsongas and went for the unknown, Bill Clinton, who was immediately dubbed a moderate after his twelve years of liberal governing in Arkansas. The Democrats also silenced outspoken liberals like Sen. Edward Kennedy, Molly Yard, and Rev. Jesse Jackson, know-

ing that their support would only hurt their candidate.

Now that the election is over, these liberals are seeking compensation for their silence. Edward Kennedy wants Clinton to leave the congressional budget alone so he can continue to live like a college student on an endless spring break. Molly Yard wants cabinet appointments for herself and feminists like her. Jesse Jackson, the most dangerous of all, wants Washington D.C. to become a state so he can become its first Senator, and who will be the junior senator from D.C.? Probably Marion Barry, if he is out of his respective correctional facility by election day.

Also, many leftist organizations like the ACLU, NOW, and gay rights groups will be seeking compensation for their silent support. And what are we to make of Bill Clinton's true running mate, Hillary? During the campaign she donned an apron and baked cookies like the picture perfect First Lady she wanted us to believe her to be, but now she has returned to her usual femi-nazi ways, speaking out

for man-haters everywhere. As I watched in disgust on November 3, as hundreds of liberals posing as moderates frolicked about Little Rock in what was (to quote my idle and mentor, Patrick Buchanan) "the biggest display of cross-dressing in American politics," I realized that while liberals may soon be in office, they still continue to be losers in the eyes of most Americans.

Now to get back to the matter at hand, I will now address Mr. Vahrenkamp's claim that Clinton pulled off a landslide and that he has a mandate for change. The fact is that 57% of the American voting public voted against Bill Clinton. And as for the "Defender of the Facts" Bill Siesser, he would do well to better research some of his own "facts." Bill stated that President Bush has the worst economic record in fifty years, while in fact the misery index, the proven measure of economic decline, indicates that the Democratic presidency of

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THE  
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REVIEW

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Country Corner

picture by John Crosslin



**Greg Holyfield**

**Staff Writer**

After taking a brief respite from *Country Corner*, (due to some StaffWriter/Editor-in-Chief conflicts), I am back again to keep all you Country Music fans (and/or people sick and tired of that Psycho Sammy headache music) informed about the greatest music on earth, Country Music.

According to *Billboard Magazine*, more people listen to Country Music on the radio than any other type of music except Adult Contemporary. In Nashville, the Country radio stations are: The Country Giant 94.7, Nashville 95.5, The Big 98(97.9), The Beaver 101.1, Country Q 102.9 (all FM) and 650 WSM on AM.

The most listened to station in Nashville is 98 because of their Award winning DJ -Gerry House. He has been awarded best DJ by the American Music awards and is on the radio from six to ten AM everyday Monday-Friday. Another popular DJ is Carl P. Mayfield. He came to 98 last year from KDF 103. Sources say he just enjoyed country music more than the new rock music, so he left the station voluntarily.

On the radio station 101.1 the Beaver, though not a DJ but a favorite nevertheless, is Earl Pitts. The character comes from a DJ in Cincinnati and is broadcast nationwide. He is a pure red-blooded American who stands for the great ideals of this country. He can't stand feminists(who can), animal rights activists, or hippies. He is one of the funniest characters on radio and is on

at 6:05 A.M and 5:15P.M on the Beaver 101.1 FM. If you are not near a radio but near a T.V. and need to hear some Country Music, tune into CMT on Viacom Channel 36. Starting January 1st, it will be on 24 hours a day instead of being taken off the air from 4 o'clock until 10 o'clock for TV real estate and local programs. Evidently, Viacom received so many letters and calls that they were forced to program it 24 hours a day.

If you are sick of listening to songs with lyrics you can't understand (metal), if you are sick of listening to songs with absolutely no meaning (alternative), if you are sick of listening to songs full of drum machines and synthesizers (pop), tune into a country station for awhile and give it a whirl. Country Music is real people, with real instruments, with real lyrics to which everybody can relate - it is just plain good music.

## X-Mas Movie Reviews

by Beau Tidwell, Reporter

They're baaaack! Yes, once again the theatres and rental stores have been flooded with Christmas movies. Little things specially designed to warm your heart,...and the industry's wallet. This holiday season nearly everyone has a movie out, so let's start with the blockbusters.

*\*Home Alone 2: Lost in New York* - Macaulay Culkin spends another holiday season beating the crap out of Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern with home appliances and paint. How original! You would think that they could have at least gotten some new plot twists. The last film was hilarious, and so is this. For the slapstick of the last half-hour I'd pay for another ticket! It's a good little mindless film, so don't miss a good laugh (or you could just rent *Home Alone* and watch it twice).

*\*Malcolm X* - This stunning epic is the must-see for the holiday season. Spike Lee and Denzel Washington bring the majesty of Malcolm and his cause to the screen in one of the more well-done films that I have seen in a long time. Do not cheat yourself out of an incredible cinema experience just because you dislike Spike Lee's attitudes toward white America. This movie is too good to pass up.

*\*The Bodyguard* - Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner; hmmm...looks good

on paper but probably won't be a smash hit. The soundtrack is excellent, but I don't think the movie itself will make the grade.

Movies yet to be released that look promising include *A Few Good Men* and *The Muppet's Christmas Carol*. Jack Nicholson, Tom Cruise, and Demi Moore are a great combination, and the previews for this film make it look excellent. Hopefully, this movie, Cruise's first major attempt outside the action/adventure genre, will help him to establish himself as a serious actor. As for the Muppets, who can pass up a new Muppet film? I love them to death, and to see them do a classic Christmas tale should be interesting to say the least.

Well, besides telling you to never, ever, ever, ever, never rent *All I Want for Christmas* (a truly bad waste of film about a kid trying to unite her divorced parents), that's all I've got to say. Merry Christmas!

## The Creation of Metal: Order Out of Chaos

by Samuel Smaldone, Metalhead



Feel the Power of Metal! Turn up the Metal!

On the first day, the gods created musical instruments. They saw that it was good. On the second day the gods created country music.

They saw that it was pitiful. Thus, it was destroyed. On the third day, the gods said, "Let there be Heavy Metal." And there was heavy metal. The gods saw that it was very good...

In my last top 10 list, you saw Barry Manilow in the middle. No more. The bands from above and below formed an alliance and slaughtered the helpless Manilow. Thus, he was pummeled. M.B.A. Metalheads, my second list:

- 12) KREATOR
- 11) PARALEX
- 10) TESTAMENT
- 9) SWEET SAVAGE
- 8) SLAYER
- 7) OVERKILL
- 6) DISMEMBER
- 5) NEPALM DEATH
- 4) DIAMOND HEAD
- 3) SEPULTURA
- 2) MEGADEATH
- 1) METALLICA

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## SPORTS

## The Tennessee Outdoorsman

by Frazer Buntin and Jim Dismukes, Outdoorsmen

Welcome back, fellow outdoorsmen! I hope y'all have been enjoying this wonderful, cool weather. Isn't it great to walk outside and feel a cool breeze blowing through what is left of the leaves, and know that old man winter is just around the bend? To many of you, cold weather just means throwing on another coat.

To me, winter means hearing frozen leaves crunch under your feet as you stalk a buck in the woods, or the sound of whistling wings of a duck flying overhead as you climb into a blind. Winter means the excitement of suddenly hear-

ing a gaggle of geese sailing into your decoys, or the sheer beauty of watching the sun rise behind the disappearing steam of your breath. All of this beauty can be felt only if you get out into nature.

Last weekend was an experience that combined all these aspects of nature. Several M.B.A. students ventured out to Old Hickory lake for the opening day of duck season. After a night of camping, storytelling, and anticipation, Jim Dismukes, Austin Koon, Shannon Durrett, Baker Eadie, and I headed out for our duck blind. After throwing out the decoys, our excitement grew

as several groups of duck and geese began to fly. We dropped two geese out of a high-flying group that was passing by. Even though Mac "the Wonder Dog" didn't retrieve either of the birds, we were full of satisfaction.

Other hunters Trent Batey, Cal Elcan, Philip Hill, and Greg Holyfield also had a great day. They managed to get two geese and two mallards while hunting out of another blind. I'm sure they all had a great time.

This is a great time of year to hunt, fish, or just get out and enjoy nature. See ya' in the field!

## T.S.S.A.A...

tion will, however, affect the junior varsity schedule. The J.V. will not be able to play the four distant regional foes, but Coach Owen suggested that there might be a crossover with local teams in another Midstate region.

Finally, M.B.A.'s schedule will be affected. M.B.A. will not play traditional district rivals Overton and Pearl-Cohn, nor will it face Warren Central, Cleveland, or Tullahoma. The Big Red will play Father Ryan of Region 5-A AAAA and

Hillsboro of Region 5-AAAA, in addition to its fellow district teams, Henry County, Dickson County, Hunters Lane, Whites Creek, Clarksville NE, Clarksville NW, and Hillwood.

These changes are open for recommendation for the 1995-96 year, but in the meantime, everyone must accept their affects. Although M.B.A. has been affected in many areas, its competitiveness and success will without doubt suffer no change. The Big Red will continue to play long-time rivals and will also play, as Mr. Bennett said, "meaningful Midstate games." Good luck to the 1993 M.B.A. football team!

## 1993 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPT 3.....RYAN AT MBA  
SEPT 10...\*CLARKSVILLE NW AT MBA  
SEPT 17....OPEN  
SEPT 24...\*MBA AT WHITES CREEK  
OCT 1.....HILLSBORO AT MBA  
OCT 8.....\*CLARKSVILLE NW AT MBA  
OCT 15....\*MBA AT HENRY COUNTY  
OCT 22....\*MBA AT HUNTERS LANE  
OCT 29....\*HILLWOOD AT MBA  
NOV 5.....\*MBA AT DICKSON COUNTY



**MICHAEL Renee**  
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(Formerly Skipworth) Salutes  
**Flagg Youngblood**

Flagg is Editor-in-Chief of *The Bell*, president of the Service Club, president of Recycle M.B.A., and a member of the Swim Team.

## Plays...

formed beautifully and added a few spontaneous touches that really added to the play; not being able to open her Tylenol, she tries to use her power to open it. Resorting to hammers, ice picks, and the like, she simply cannot open the Tylenol. Her humble assistant David Kautzman tries to render help, but she won't allow him to do so. He is the unifying factor in the one act. Michael Ligon's excellent performance as Jesus added humor to the play. This play was one of the funniest, but it was too long.

It was a great night for the Drama Club and hopefully the beginning of a new tradition at M.B.A.

VARSITY ATHLETIC SCHEDULE  
FOR JAN. AND FEB. 1993

## VARSITY BASKETBALL

January 5.....McGavock at MBA  
January 8.....MBA at Whites Creek  
January 12.....Father Ryan at MBA  
January 15.....MBA at Overton  
January 16.....MBA at Hillsboro  
January 23.....Baylor at MBA  
January 26.....Overton at MBA  
January 29.....MBA at Father Ryan  
February 2.....MBA at Pearl-Cohn  
February 5.....Whites Creek at MBA  
February 12.....MBA at Hillwood  
February 16.....Hillsboro at MBA  
February 22-26...District Tournament

## VARSITY WRESTLING

January 2.....Grand Championship at Lipscomb  
January 5.....Overton at MBA  
January 8.....Ryan Tournament  
January 9.....Ryan Tournament  
January 13.....Father Ryan at MBA  
January 15.....MBA at Springfield  
January 22.....Hillwood at MBA  
January 23.....Baylor/Christian Bros./Christian Co. at MBA  
January 28.....Mt. Juliet at MBA  
February 2.....MBA at Brentwood Academy  
February 3.....MBA at McGavock  
February 4.....Stratford/Hunters Lane at Stratford  
February 12....Region Tournament at MBA  
February 13....Region Tournament at MBA  
February 19....State Tournament at UTC  
February 20....State Tournament at UTC

## Totomoi... Bowers...

thermore, faculty and friends of M.B.A. who show unparalleled concern in the continued success of the school may also be considered for induction. Those seniors "tapped" this fall were John Arendale, John Crosslin, Baker Eadie, Mark Fuqua, Winn Keathley, Bartley McGehee, and Andrew Vahrenkamp, joining current senior member Jody Cummings.

## Liberals...

Jimmy Carter oversaw the worst economy in the past fifty years. Bill also said that the Gulf War hurt our economy. I personally think that the present economy is better off that it would be if Saddam Hussein controlled half of the world's oil. So my advice to Andrew Vahrenkamp and Bill Siesser is to base your opinions on facts.

greatly as the year progresses. **BR:** How do you feel the first loss will affect the team? **Coach Bowers:** There's really no effect one way or the other. It's all in how you respond. You try to learn no matter what the outcome. Mostly it'll be how people perceive its significance. It's one game at a time; that's the way we play them.

From the Annals of W-5:

That which a woman says to her too eager lover ought to be written on the wind and the swiftly flowing water.  
- Catullus

## SPORTS

## BIG RED BASKETBALL OFF TO 6-1 START

by Andy Barrett, Staff Writer

After a rigorous fall workout, the M.B.A. varsity basketball team began its regular season schedule by facing Hunters Lane at home. The Big Red downed the Warriors convincingly by a score of 64-37. The next obstacle for the Big Red was preseason district 7-A favorite Martin Luther King. M.B.A. went ahead early and ousted MLK 78-55 behind Will Coles' 24 points. In the final game before Thanksgiving Break, M.B.A. took on Antioch. After struggling early, the Big Red picked up the defense in the second half to gain a 78-53 victory.

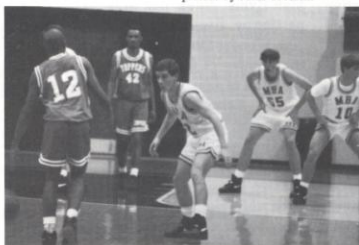
After the break, the Big Red travelled to Stratford to defend its 3-0 record. With a broken clock and questionable scorekeeping, the Big Red found itself in a tight game.

Nevertheless, the team remained undaunted in a 64-61 victory with four players scoring in double figures: Dickey (15), Coles (19), Corbett (17), and Barrett (13). The outside shooting of the Big Red found much success, sinking nine three-pointers.

Next, the team travelled to Chattanooga to compete in the Baylor Classic. M.B.A.'s first opponent was a seasoned Marist team from Atlanta, Georgia. Once again, the Big Red's relentless defense resisted the opponent's late charge. R.A. Dickey paced the team by scoring 22 points

(6 three-point field goals) in this 63-55 win. Logan Verner

picture by John Crosslin



The Big Red Defense

poured in 10 fourth quarter points to secure the victory. In the second game of the weekend, the Big Red faced Middle Tennessee powerhouse Cleveland. After trailing by about five points nearly the whole second half, the

team put on a late surge to go ahead by two points with one minute remaining. M.B.A. was unable, however, to hold off the talented Cleveland team and suffered its first loss of the season, 64-62. Ben Corbett and Will Coles combined for 38 points in this heart-breaker.

After being ranked last in the district in the pre-season, M.B.A. opened its district schedule against Hillwood. Eager to prove the critics wrong, the Big Red manhandled the Hilltoppers, almost doubling their score (65-33). Rob Welhoelter led the Big Red surge tallying 13

points, and R.A. Dickey and Andy Ward had 12 apiece. Thus far M.B.A.'s success is credited to team defense. The Big Red has held its opponents to an average of just over 50 points while M.B.A. has averaged 68 points per game. Russ Allen, David Brown, Mark Dunkerly, Jonathan Henderson, Parkes Owen, and Anderson Williams have also helped the team.

M.B.A. resumes its district schedule Friday, December 11 against Pearl-Cohn. The Rotary Classic at Lipscomb (Dec. 18-19) and the Ross M. Lynn Classic at M.U.S. (Dec. 26-28) have been scheduled for Christmas Break. Come support the Big Red!

## An Interview with Coach Bowers

by Russ Allen and Rob Welholter, Reporters

Since the 1992-93 basketball season is starting, we thought you would like to get to know our new coach, Mr. Ricky Bowers. Mr. Bowers graduated from M.B.A. in 1980 and went on to play basketball for David Lipscomb University. Coach Bowers most recently coaches and taught at Brentwood Academy prior to returning to Hill this year.

**BR:** Coach, how do you feel about talking to the press although you have never had a reporter print a true story?

**Coach Bowers:** I'm fine, the newspaper is very important. It has a great influence on how people perceive us. It projects a perceived level of success, but I don't put a lot of stock in what I read, especially predictions.

**BR:** How does the atmosphere at M.B.A. compare to that of Brentwood Academy?

**Coach Bowers:** Obviously, the environment and circumstances are different, but what makes M.B.A. different than any other school is that its students and players are excited and willing to work to become as good as they can be, which makes it fun.

**BR:** What are your objectives

as a coach and a teacher?

**Coach Bowers:** To generate a desire for you guys to excel in whatever you're doing. And also to create a group spirit of service.

**BR:** What are your goals for

picture by John Crosslin



Coach Bowers Looks on

the team this year and for the future?

**Coach Bowers:** Oh, pretty much the same. To generate enthusiasm and excitement in all the facets of their lives, you know: gentleman, scholar, athlete, but in a self-sacrificing spirit.

**BR:** What do you think about

the relative youth of the team?

**Coach Bowers:** In most any situation, younger people create excitement and enthusiasm, which is encouraging. But on the other hand, youth can sometimes lead to excuse making, but we won't let that happen.

**BR:** How do you feel about being predicted to finish last in the district?

**Coach Bowers:** I don't know. I've never had it before, but predictions are like a lot of things in the paper, valueless and usually not based on knowledge or fact, though they may be accurate.

**BR:** Do you feel any pressure to perform because of Coach Thoni's success?

**Coach Bowers:** No. Ninety-nine point nine nine percent of the pressure is self-induced. The other .01 percent is from my wife (long pause) and Coach Bennett.

**BR:** Do you think the team matured over the trip to Chattanooga?

**Coach Bowers:** Oh, yes. It was a great experience. We played the kind of teams you have to beat to win tournaments and championships. They both had speed, athleticism, and intensity, but the intensity will increase

## Wrestling Team Opens Season with 3-2 mark

by Barrett Rose, Reporter

The 1992-93 M.B.A. varsity wrestling team has gotten off to a 3-2 start. To begin the season, the Big Red travelled to Hendersonville to wrestle in three matches. The wrestlers lost hard-fought matches to Hendersonville and Beech, but prevailed over Martin Luther King. In its fourth match, the Big Red defeated the Bears of Antioch in an impressive fashion. In its next outing, the Hendersonville Tournament, the team placed a surprising third. Placing individually for M.B.A. were: Glenn Gaston, first; John Roe, Alan Roe, and Barrett Rose, third; and Andrew Douglas and George Frazier, fourth.

Starting for the Big Red are: at 103 lbs - Aki Hashimura, 112 - Will

McKeand, 119 - Glenn Gaston, 125 - John Roe, 130 - Alan Roe, 135 - Chenault Sanders, 140 - Andrew Douglas, 145 - Bill Maggart, 152 - Doug Zapf, 160 - Joey Delemos, 171 - Brian Camp, 189 - George Frazier, and 275 - Barrett Rose. Most recently, the Big Red went to Overton to wrestle Glencliff and Lipscomb. The wrestlers won both matches decisively giving the team a 3-2 record in dual matches, 2-0 in the district. In the near future, the Big Red will participate in the Cleveland Dual Meet Tournament and in the Overton Tournament. The Big Red wrestling team is improving with every match and is showing promise for a very successful season.

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